

Using a Risk Log to Better Define "Liability" and Consider Mitigation Options

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Sample of Risk Log

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1. Siting	2. Construction	3. Operation	4. Closure	5. Post Closure	6. LT Maintenance & Stewardship
12-36 months	12-36 months	1-30 years +	12-36 months	Time limit or Performance driven	Indefinite post closure
1.1 Worker	2.1 Worker safety	3.1 Worker safety –	4.1 Worker	5.1 Groundwater:	6 1 Troundwater
safety	2.2 Damage to	OSHA	safety	CO, and	contamination
1.2 Damage	private property	3.2 Worker safety –	4.2 Improper	geochernical	6.2 LT Subsurface
to private	2.3 Damage to	CO ₂ exposure	well	reaction products	property damage (mineral
property	confinement zone	3.3 Groundwater:	abandonment	5.2 Groundwater:	rights)
	(by fracturing a cap	mechanical failure	4.3 Failure to	brine or gas	6.3 LT ecosystem
Incomplete	for example)	3.4 Groundwater:	adequately	displacement	degradation (terrestrial or
site	2.4 Contractor	confinement zone	install MMV	5.3 Subsurface	aquatic)
characterizati	delays / cost over-	failure	system	property damage	6.4 LT public exposure to
on	runs	3.5 Property damage	4.4 Materials	(mineral rights)	CO,
1.4 Public	2.5 Poor well	(mineral rights)	failure	5.4 Ecosystem	6.5 T atmospheric
Opposition	construction	3.6 Ecosystem		degradation	release (loss of credits /
1.5 Failure to	2.6 Failure to	degradation (terrestrial		(terrestrial or	compliance)
obtain access	adequately	or aquatic)		aguatic)	6.6 T awsuits
or storage	complete old	3.7 Public exposure to		5.5 Public	6.7 LT third party damage
rights	wells/boreholes	CO ₂ release (surface		exposure to CO,	to confinement zone
1.6 Failure to		pipeline leak, borehole,		5.6 Atmospheric	6.8 Seismicity
obtain permit		well blow out)		release	6.9 Change in law
1.7 Drilling		3.8 Prolonged		5.7 Lawsuits	2 miles
"dry hole's)"		atmospheric release			